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**ELECTIONS WITH BEN-GURION**  
WE are to have elections, and Mapai is to go into them under the leadership of Mr. Ben-Gurion, as before. The leaders of the parties have come to the conclusion—most of them reluctantly—that the other possible alternatives are worse. It seems likely that the rest of the population is even more reluctant to face this energy-consuming procedure again, but they are not required to find an alternative solution.

The opposition parties, reinforced by Mapai and Abdu Ha'avoda, have been pressing simply for the resignation of Mr. Ben-Gurion, after which the previous coalition could be set up again, with prospects of proving a little more pliant over the traditional disputes. Within a section of Mapai, and with the support of much of the Progressive and Religious groups, there was a watered-down version of this scheme—that Mr. Ben-Gurion should remain as Minister of Defence, and some other person act as Prime Minister. Reduced to its bare bones, the argument has been whether the retention of Mr. Ben-Gurion was worth elections that are bound to centre on the "affair" and, as far as Mapai is concerned, to re-open wounds to the Party's body that have been showing signs of healing.

The arguments in favour of Mr. Ben-Gurion's withdrawal are persuasive enough. No man is indispensable. Mr. Ben-Gurion might have chosen, for reasons of his own, to have resigned last year. In the nature of things, he is bound to do so one day. After all, he caused a tremendous amount of opposition and criticism by some of his actions in connection with the "affair." Let him withdraw, it was said, until after the elections in recognition of this criticism. Thus far the opposition, and it makes up to a perfectly rational stand. They have always tried, naturally, to get Mr. Ben-Gurion out, except at times of national crisis, when Mr. Ben-Gurion's leadership was accepted with something like relief.

The alternative proposals for Mr. Ben-Gurion to withdraw partly or to appear to withdraw make much less sense. They were pressed by people who were convinced that while the Government could not afford to do with out Mr. Ben-Gurion, it would be more prudent if he were to pretend to resign. It were up to me to make from his accustomed place at the head of the Cabinet table he would enable other parties to save face and return to a Government "headed by somebody else," as they demanded, while in fact nothing would have changed.

Both these alternatives were rejected by Mapai, which announced yesterday that it preferred to have elections. Not because the party has no one else who could confidently undertake the responsibilities of a Prime Minister, and not because the party underestimates the grave objections to elections after so short an interval. The reason is simple. As long as he is willing and able to serve, Mr. Ben-Gurion is by far the most popular and the most resourceful man available, and the man who commands by far the greatest popular following for this task. The "affair" is not a national matter or an international one, but a personal one of minimum real significance. It has been blown up like a bubble by all kinds of interests—with the press prominent among them—into what looks to some like a frightening monster. None of it has any bearing whatever on the present Government or its future policies. Despite the profound personal and emotional involvement of many Mapai members in the "affair," the party has by an effort of conscious will decided that Mr. Ben-Gurion pertains to Government, and the "affair" does not.

If it were to pretend that Mr. Ben-Gurion is no longer the Prime Minister that it wants, in the hope of appealing to opinion outside the coalition, it would find itself drawn step by step into an assessment on all other matters at home and, who knows abroad. It is perhaps just because there will not always be so stiff-necked a Prime Minister that this decision not to be drawn into self-deception has been so vital for Mapai.



# THE JERUSALEM POST

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## Secret French-FLN Pact On Truce Said Reached Precedes Official Parley

PARIS (Reuter).—Agreement on a de facto truce in the fighting in Algeria has been reached in secret talks between the French Government and the FLN (Algerian insurgent movement), sources close to the Government said here last night.

The agreement, it was said, did not amount to a formal truce, specifying what would happen to the insurgents and to their arms but simply a gentlemen's agreement to cease military operations on both sides while preparations for open and official talks were under way.

These official talks were reported here in usually reliable sources to be due to start towards the end of the month. They would be conducted on the French side by the Minister for Algeria, M. Louis Joxe. It was thought they might take place in the Chateau de Champs, 26 kms. east of Paris.

The Tunisian Minister of Information, M. Mohammed Massoudi, who acted as intermediary for last week's visit by the French Minister of State, Habib Bourguiba, to President de Gaulle, yesterday virtually confirmed that the first secret phase of the negotiations had been completed.

M. Massoudi told reporters that Premier Khrushchev had invited Mr. Thompson to meet him in Siberia today to deliver a personal message from President Kennedy.

Embassy sources said Mr. Thompson will fly east at noon today, but they declined to disclose his exact destination.

This is the first time an American Ambassador has made such a trip to see any Soviet leader. It is also the first time that any foreign envoy has met Mr. Khrushchev outside of Moscow, except when they had visited him at one of his holiday homes.

The fact that Premier Khrushchev has invited Mr. Thompson to see him in the midst of an extremely busy tour dominated by domestic problems indicates the importance of the secret contact is now outdated, and the time for public negotiations has arrived. He thought the climate for negotiations was good.

President de Gaulle appears determined to allow no minor difficulties or emotional factors to stand in the way of serious peace talks, and the insurgents would appear to be prepared to end directly with France now.

The recent rapprochement between Tunisia and Morocco in favour of such negotiations is one of the important factors of which the insurgents must take heed, observers here thought.

## C'wealth Premiers Open Parley Today

LONDON (Reuter).—The controversial issue of the independent South Africa remaining in the Commonwealth, the future structure of the U.N. and the Congo will dominate the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference opening here today.

Though several of the 18 Prime Ministers have denounced South Africa's apartheid policies, an authoritative source said yesterday there was at present no known intention on the part of any of them to oppose South Africa's remaining a member of the Commonwealth.

Before the meeting, held between Ambassadors Jacob Beam and Wang Ping-An, Ambassador George in Washington said Mr. Kennedy wants to find what areas of agreement are possible and preferred this approach to the problem.

## Histadrut Appeal Ends Ashdod Strike after Short Blackout

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV.—Parts of the country went over to candle-light for more than half an hour yesterday evening because of the strike at the Ashdod power station. The station resumed operation last night at about 8 o'clock after the employees decided to respond to a call from the Histadrut Trade Union Department to end the strike.

The Ashdod station generates 150,000 of the Electric Corporation's total output of 410,000 kw. With supply short during the strike the break in distribution and staggered all over the country the Corporation spokesman stated.

There were also some cuts during the day, which in some places affected industry.

The 100 striking workers accepted the Histadrut's call after the latter appointed a five-man committee which would investigate the workers' grievances and settle its findings within a week.

The employees struck because of the management's refusal to continue to pay commuted and other allowances. The management maintained the workers should live in Ashdod rather than housing was available for them there.

Only 35 of the 100 em-

ployees now live on the spot.

The Histadrut assured the workers that those who accepted the committee's recommendations would be re-awarded paid time off allowances by the management from the time they were discontinued.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Zvi Tversky, Chairman of the Shuvanim Regional Council and son of Mr. Yona Kesse, M.K. a former Mapai secretary-General and close associate of Mr. Lavon, who said that the meeting had declared that there would not vote for Mapai at the coming elections or had already left the party.

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The statement noted that a group of workers had returned to the Ashdod and claimed travel and other allowances although they had been specially trained by the Corporation for employment in Ashdod on the clear understanding that they move to Ashdod.

Mr. Avraham Geva, of the

Black Vote



## Social &amp; Personal

President Isak Ben-Zvi yesterday received the outgoing Swiss Ambassador, Mr. Emile Borel, who is leaving the country on completion of his tour of duty.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol received the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, Mr. George Weiss.

The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, on Monday gave a reception in her home in Jerusalem for the members of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and the guest artists, Sergiu Celibidache and Maria Callas. Following a tour of the I.P.O.'s return from a world concert tour. Among those present were the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Roush, Mayor Menachem Begin, Members of the Knesset and of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Mr. Jerome Stone of Chicago visited the offices of the Jewish Agency yesterday and was received by the Director-General, Dr. Meir Avner.

Mr. Zvi Zilat, Managing Director of the Haasen Insurance Co. Ltd. has returned from his trip to the U.S. and Europe on behalf of the Company and of the Chelil Life Insurance Co. of New York, a joint Israeli-American enterprise.

Shairol Ron-El, Director of Legend and Bible Land left yesterday for Europe and South Africa on company business.

An evening of questions and answers on "Financing Investments through Securities," organized by the Economic Forum of the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Government Information Center, will be held at 8:30 tonight at Beit HaShalom, Jerusalem. The participants will be Mr. Shalom Doron, Manager of Feuchtwanger Bank Ltd. in Jerusalem; Mr. Hanan Herberg, Director Securities Department, Bank Leumi; Mr. Joseph Milikovsky, Secretary-General of Bank of Israel and the moderator will be Mr. Israel Bar-Yosef, General Manager of the Banking Union.

Prof. Eri Jabetzky will speak on "The Status of the Agricultural Profession in Israel" at the Haifa Rotary Club at the Appinger Hotel at 10:00 p.m. today.

The Jerusalem Rotary Club will be addressed today at 11:30 a.m. at the Y.M.C.A. by Dr. A. L. Bauminger, Deputy Inspector at the Ministry of Education, who will speak on "The Attitude of Parents toward Children during the Eichmann Trial."

**MEMORIALS**

A shikun service in memory of the late Dr. Yehuda Leibnold-Berger will be held tomorrow in the Jerusalem Municipal Council Hall at 8 p.m.

A memorial meeting on the thirtieth day after the death of the late Dr. Immanuel Olszansky will be held today Wednesday, March 8, 1961, at 8 p.m. at the Keren Hayesod Building, National Institutions Building, Jerusalem. Friends and associates of the deceased are invited to attend.

Rina Nikova's Biblical Ballet "Wise Tablous" in the Jerusalem Adiayora was sponsored by Eliaz Wines.

**To Press for Better Mark Exchange Rate**

HAIFA — Three organizations representing recipients of personal restitution and monthly pensions from Germany have joined forces to press for a more equitable exchange rate for transfers from Germany. They are the Central European Pensions Association; the Association of Recipients of Pensions and Compensation from Germany; and the Union of Former German Government and Jewish Community officials.

At a meeting in Tel Aviv on Sunday, the representatives of the three bodies found that there were no differences of opinion on the need for a drastic improvement in the present exchange rate which deprives recipients of West German marks of a substantial portion of their true purchasing power.

Old age and invalidity pensions fixed by the German legislators were based on the purchasing power of the D Mark inside Germany. When converted into Israeli pounds at the present exchange rate, the pensions are in most cases below the subsistence level, a fact to which the three organizations attribute a high percentage of recent emigration.

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**CARMEN**: 8/9; 11/3; 18/3 with Verdi Little (Carries)

**DON PIFAROLE**: 12/3

**RAIS AL-NAJAR**: 17/3

**ALIDA**: 28/3

## Heavy Left Gains In Chile Election

## Frenchmen Demand Adenauer Sack Minister of State Globke

By MAURICE CARRE,

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — A letter demanding

the elimination of Minister

of State Hans Globke

from the German Govern-

ment, was sent to the

Chamber of Deputies.

The Communists, their

leading French intel-

lectuals and public figures

representing different shades of

political opinion.

The signatories to the letter

include: right-wing Gaullist

Henri Torrès; novelist, Jean

Piel Sartre; former minis-

ters Pierre Cot, Pierre Blo-

chand and Charles Hernu;

former UNRWA National As-

sistant Secretary General

Henri Lauzier; Film Director

Louis Daquin; art critic

Jean Cassou; Jewish poets

Edmond, Fle, and André

Spire; and artist Maxe Nor-

da, daughter of the Zionist

leader.

The letter was sponsored by

the extreme left Union of

Jewish wartime resistance

fighters and it brands Globke

as "undoubtedly one of those

responsible with other pro-

minent Hitlerite leaders for

the slaughter of more than

six million Jews."

## U.S. Asked to Speed Evacuation of Morocco

PARIS (AP). — The French

Government's decision to eva-

cuate its Morocan embassy

more than two years ahead

of schedule has sparked de-

mands for similar action by

the U.S. and other de-

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## SENIORS ORGANIZE STUDIES AS STRIKE DRAGS ON

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The matriculation examinations confronting the country's high school seniors became the central issue of the teachers strike yesterday. There was no progress on the wage issue in dispute and it is believed no developments in this connection can be expected before the return of Education Minister Abba Eban from the U.S. in a few days.

In Jerusalem, groups of senior year students returned to teacherless classrooms yesterday and held lessons under the guidance of standing members of the class. A student at the Rehavia Secondary School said later that the four-hour study session was "better disciplined than is the case when the teacher is there."

The country's senior high school students yesterday organized a General Action Committee, which planned to ask for a meeting with the special Ministerial Committee on Teachers with the aim of hastening the end of the strike.

It is understood that if the strike continues past Passover, the Education Ministry will consider advancing the matriculation examinations from mid-June to about the third week in May. The idea is that as long as classes are not held, no purpose will be served in holding off the matriculation examinations.

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### No Guidance

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### Cyprus Schools Strike

NICOSIA (Reuter).—An estimated 20,000 secondary school pupils in Cyprus will get no lessons today when over 500 Greek Cypriot teachers stage a 24-hour "strike" for higher pay.

The Teachers' Union alleged the authorities had met demands for 1,900-1,200 pounds for top grade teachers with an offer of 1,654-990 pounds.

(UPI) reports from Paris that scattered strikes by French school teachers stage a 24-hour general strike by all their services there on March 14, against President de Gaulle's wage-freeze policy.

### Ministry to Search For New Immigrant Talent

Artistically talented persons in new immigrant communities will be sought out and encouraged under a new project launched by the Cultural Unit of the Ministry of Education and Culture in cooperation with the Union of Local Authorities. Dr. Y. Melikman, the Unit's Director, told a press conference in the Syrian and Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commissions.

**Rebels Husband Drops Charges**

JERUSALEM.—District Court Judge Y. Lamm was requested yesterday to drop proceedings against his maintenance suit brought by his 16-year-old husband against his schoolteacher wife, who he claimed had been intimate with a 16-year-old former pupil of hers.

The husband's attorney, Mr. Chaim, asked Judge Lamm for permission to drop his client's application for an injunction forbidding his wife and the boy to meet, and his request for IL 50 monthly maintenance from the wife.

On hearing the request, he was heard by Judge Lamm, who rejected both applications, which were based on the husband's claim that his wife's intimacy with the boy had caused him to have a nervous breakdown so that he was incapable of earning a livelihood.

Later the husband submitted a claim against the youth, by way of his father, a Weizmann Institute scientist.

The case was to have been heard again yesterday but when Mr. Chaim appeared in court, he asked for leave to withdraw the applications. Although no formal reason was given for withdrawal, it is understood that the husband has had a complete breakdown and has again entered hospital for treatment.

The wife, another, has also been hospitalized for similar treatment. (Itim.)

### Women and 7 Children In Sit-Down Strike

BEERSHEBA.—The wife of a man imprisoned for forgery began a sit-down strike on Monday, together with her seven children, in the local offices of the Sezef Local Council to draw attention to the neglect of her 10-year-old son.

The woman, Marcella Trike, wife of Yitzhak Trike, the former Minister of Justice, from the Magen branch, and Council member, wants the boy, who is retarded and disturbed, to be taken in by an institution. She claims that over the past few years she has applied in vain to a number of institutions.

The child, in addition to being mentally defective, is a danger to her other children and must be under constant supervision, she said.

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### African Students For 4-Day March

A large contingent of African students will participate in this year's Four Day March. These young people, who are now attending the youth leaders' training course, from Togo, Malagasy Congo, Burundi, Uganda (Leopoldville), Liberia, Sierra Leone, Ghana and Nigeria.

The group will also take part in the final parade through the streets of Jerusalem dressed in their national costumes.

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## Racah, Dvoretzky Mooted for Rector Due Next Month

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Meanwhile, it is learned that Mr. Yosef Shohat, Deputy Director-General of the Education Ministry, who coordinates post-elementary education, is to leave today for France for a two-week tour of educational institutions there at the invitation of the French Government.

### Gadna To Resume

Gadna activities will be resumed within a few days under an agreement reached at a meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday between the Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Dr. H. Rinot, and representatives of the high school principals. Gadna structures are not striking. Arrangements are to be made to resume the two-week period of national service served by third-year high school students in border settlements as well as training camp service for second-year students.

In Ashkelon, the school principal, Mr. Shlomo Shabtai, has agreed to hold a meeting with the teachers' delegation to discuss the question of holding off the strike.

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In Tel Aviv high schools, pupils preparing for matriculation exams attended class yesterday and studied without teachers. The management of the schools had even allowed the pupils to use the class-rooms.

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# 'Acceptance' is Basis for Israel-Africa Ties

American Observers Impressed by African Desire for Israel's Help

By a Special Correspondent

THE desire of newly emergent African states to receive assistance from Israel is arousing considerable interest among Americans.

Following her recent visit to Israel, Mrs. Agnes Meyer, publisher of the influential "Washington Post," told a meeting of the Women's National Democratic Club in the U.S. capital that there were several reasons why so many of the Afro-Asian countries had such confidence in Israel.

The most important, she said, was psychological. The Negro feels that the Jews, like himself, had met with intolerance from the Western nations because of his racial heritage.

## Practically Useful

Secondly, no nation, not even the U.S., is more practically useful to the African nations than Israel, and despite the recent denunciation of Israel as imperialistic (made probably in order to please Colonel Nasser), the Africans would not break their ties with Israel, said Mrs. Meyer. They go on sending their students to the Afro-Asian Institute. They invite Israeli medical teams to improve their health and Israeli engineers to do construction work in their schools, farms, factories, and such important structures as the new Parliament building in Sierra Leone.

Mrs. Meyer went on to declare that Israel is today one of the strongest links between the European democracies and the chaotic African situation.

Another analysis of the close relations between Israeli and African states was advanced at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Christian Palestine Committee by Dr. Sanford Griffith, Director of the African Study Centre of the New School for Social Research on his return from an extensive tour of Africa.

The words "freedom" and "education" are those most frequently heard in Africa. Mr. Griffith said Persons of every category are eager to further their education and to take up work of national importance. Israel's special mission fits admirably into this setting. She is herself a small nation, has no "colonialist" ambitions, and has worked out a unique set of institutions and techniques to deal with the neglected lands and "primitive" peoples.

Moreover, Israel representatives in the various African lands seem fully conscious of the opportunity offered their countrymen to a certain extent by the highly informed diplomats in Africa. Then too, Israeli business procedures are infinitely simpler than those normally required by Western societies. Israeli firms have been able to take the role of the silent partner in joint economic enterprises with Africans, contributing 50 per cent of the capital but setting an early terminal date



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to their participation. Other facts noted by Mr. Griffith have commanded Israel to Africa. Many Africans visiting Israel have felt complete acceptance without our consciousness. They have experienced, too, the vitality of the society as it confronts its problems and opportunities. The success of these visits and of study and training programmes has resulted in a clamour for more.

Because of the urgency of this need, Mr. Griffith advocated an immediate establishment of a Jewish College in Israel to train Africans for secondary levels of leadership and administration.

The following resolution was submitted to and adopted by the Executive Council members present:

In view of the great importance of Israel's role as friend and leader of the nations of Asia and Africa, it is resolved that the ACPC support the programme of aid to Asian and African students sponsored by the American Jewish Foundation. The Foundation has been given the top priority—has

been assigned to foreign aid ventures—the embassies do not have to refer every request for a special through channels for approval.

As a postscript, Mr. Baer said: "The International Union in the U.S. (Local 74 of the International Hod Carriers and Builders Union) had turned over a check of \$11,000 to the Israel Bond Campaign in recognition of its programme of assistance to the newly independent states of Africa and Asia."

## MUSICAL DIARY

### The New Stutschewsky

Final Concert of Works by Joachim Stutschewsky, sponsored by the Municipal Department of Education and Culture, The Tel Aviv Museum and the League of Friends of the Museum, Tel Aviv, February 23. Jolja Stutschewsky, Mezzosoprano, H. Monan, Piano; The New Israeli String Quartet; Tal M. Juval, Violin; Z. Steinberg, violin; J. Meuse, cello; A. Thorner, oboe; G. Martin, clarinet; M. Rachtman, bassoon; Y. Shemesh, double bass.

PROGRAMME: Terzetto for three clarinets and bassoon; Three Songs; Five Pieces, for string quartet; Nursery Rhymes, Three Children's Songs, for Green-ups; Sextet for Wind ensemble.

HAVING heard a great deal about the new Stutschewsky during the last month one can now make an interesting classification of it. There seem to be at least three main elements: the works in the Eastern European idiom; those in which the motive force is a strong self-expression; and those in which Israel elements are predominant.

This latest concert was therefore of special interest, as it presented mostly recent works. The "new" Stutschewsky, as it reveals himself in this programme, seems to have freed himself to a great extent from the old tradition of the Jewish School and to have substituted instead a somewhat abstract or Israel idiom.

However, not in all the works are these elements treated naturally and persuasively. The more modern pieces, i.e. the first part of the Terzetto, seem unnatural, another danger of which Mr. Stutschewsky should be aware in his humility of Israeli elements in some of the works like the second part of the Terzetto and the last part of the "Five Pieces."

Among the strongest works performed were the Mother's Song, the Nursery Rhymes and the Five Pieces. The latter especially makes a strong impact with its beautiful musical flow and its strong emotional self-expression.

Generally we may say that Stutschewsky's transformation is quite surprising, and, despite some shortcomings, especially in the development of the piece.

The two later pieces were uneven, with meaningless phrases among moments of great musicality. Taking the immense and spiritual concentration and of these works into consideration, this falls short of the mark.

Beethoven had not composed 32 sonatas each posing great musical and pianistic problems.

Still, what Miss Avrech did accomplish was quite impressive and showed her in possession of the musical and technical equipment required in order to approach Beethoven's piano music.

The D-minor opus (no 2) was taken most seriously although unperformed sudden and degenerative changes of tempo and degeneration of the movement presented the general impression.

Two other handicaps which were not Miss Avrech's fault—some keys that were hopelessly out of tune and a gnashing pedal—also marred the performance.

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### Guest Artists

Concert by Kalia Krasandjova, piano, and Prof. Leon Souroujian, violin. Tel Aviv Museum, February 26. Programme of Beethoven Sonatas, Op. 31 no. 2, op. 111, op. 119.

THERE seems to be a belief among young pianists that anything less than Beethoven's op. 110 and 111 could not efficiently demonstrate their qualities—as if

MUCH has been said about the problem of foreign guest artists appearing here and the discussion has often been agitated and heated. But it is clear that there has always been agreement about one point: these artists must be first rate.

We deeply regret to say that these musicians have neither the right to represent their country abroad nor to appear at a public concert at the Tel Aviv Museum. Seldom have we heard a piano or a violinist in such unsatisfactory renderings.

Mrs. Krasandjova's Scarlatti lacked accuracy, lightness, technique and tone: the pedalling was also entirely out of place, was better in Vengerov's "Elgar."

The Mendelssohn, in itself a weak work, was made even weaker by its expressionless rendering.

Prof. Souroujian's part in the concert consisted of an absurd list of salon pieces not worth individual mention.

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Improved Precision

The Hebrew University, Orchestra, Zohar Neiman, conductor, Prof. Leon Souroujian, violin, Y. Avni, Museum, February 16. Mendelssohn: Variations; Vladigerov: Eighty dances; Mendelssohn: Variations; Tchaik: Sonata (L. Strelitz, piano); Saint-Saens: Introduction and rondo capriccioso; Bloch: Nigun; P. Chodler: Chant de pianiste; Chopin: Nocturne; Wissotski: Polonaise.

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**Disappointing Recital**

Piano Recital by Suzanne Verrier (Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, Jerusalem, February 21). Muzart: Sonata; Beethoven: Two Variations; Saint-Saens: Suite Bergamasque; Tchaik: Raffels dans l'eau; Jardins en fleur; Williams: Danse des faunes; Faure: Mompou: Villa-Lobos: Larregave.

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